

December 28, 2022

Re: Notice of Department Decision on Air Quality Synthetic Minor Construction Permit

For Haile Gold Mine (1460-0070-CD) in

Kershaw, South Carolina

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Thank you for your interest and/or comments regarding the application from the above referenced facility for an air quality permit to expand the mining operations at its gold mine. Be advised that SC DHEC has made a decision regarding the permit after consideration and complete review of the following: the permit application, applicable state and federal air quality regulations, all comments received within the required time frame, and all other pertinent information. All comments received were reviewed for technical merit and have been included in SC DHEC's permanent record for this facility. SC DHEC's decision is to approve the above referenced permit for issuance on, Wednesday, December 28, 2022.

The Department Decision which includes the permit, the statement of basis, and the response to comments, can be viewed on SC DHEC's website at: https://www.scdhec.gov/air-quality-permittingdecisions.

Any affected parties who wish to appeal this decision may file a request for final review. Procedures for DHEC Board review of permit decisions are available at the following webpage: http://www.scdhec.gov/Agency/BoardofDirectors/GuidetoBoardReview/. Additional information regarding appeal procedures is available from SC DHEC's Clerk of the Board at the below SC DHEC address or by calling (803) 898-3309. Pursuant to SC Code Section 44-1-60(E)(2), "[t]he staff decision becomes the final agency decision fifteen calendar days after notice of the staff decision has been mailed to the applicant, unless a written request for final review accompanied by filing fee is filed with the department by the applicant, permittee, licensee, or affected person."

The Bureau of Air Quality would like to thank everyone who expressed an interest in this permit. Should you have any questions concerning the permit or you cannot access the information on the website, or if you would like to share your input on how DHEC may improve public participation in our permitting activities, please contact the Air Permitting Division at (803) 898-4123 or by E-mail at airpncomments@dhec.sc.gov.